

## Social Studies Assessment Resources

The information provided through the links below can be used to inform the creation of local assessments in social studies. The assessments and assessment items are not specifically endorsed by the Vermont Department of Education nor have they been aligned to the H&SS GE's. Please contact Sigrid Lumbra, Social Studies Coordinator, with any questions, comments or suggestions at [sigridlumbra@education.state.vt.us](mailto:sigridlumbra@education.state.vt.us) or (802) 828-0200. This document may also be accessed online at [http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_curriculum/history.html](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_curriculum/history.html).

| Performance Assessments  |  |
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| Web Site   | URL  |
| <b>Washington State Classroom Based Assessments</b>  | <a href="http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/socialstudies/default.aspx">http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/socialstudies/default.aspx</a>  |
| <b>Michigan: Authentic Assessment in Social Studies</b><br>(note: frames assessments in terms of public policy issues)     | <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MI_Auth_12350_7.AssmtMan.pdf">http://www.michigan.gov/documents/MI_Auth_12350_7.AssmtMan.pdf</a>  |
| <b>Great Debates in American History (DBQs)</b>  | <a href="http://www.peterpappas.com/journals/greatdebates.htm">http://www.peterpappas.com/journals/greatdebates.htm</a>  |
| <b>Chicago Public Schools</b><br>General guidelines for writing performance assessments; steps for creating a rubric, etc. | <a href="http://intranet.cps.k12.il.us/Assessments/index.html">http://intranet.cps.k12.il.us/Assessments/index.html</a>  |
| <b>Illinois State Board of Education: Classroom Assessments and Performance Descriptors</b>                                | <a href="http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/social_science/capd.htm">http://www.isbe.state.il.us/ils/social_science/capd.htm</a>  |
| <b>Maryland: Sample Constructed Response Items (HS Govt)</b>   | <a href="http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/hsa/government/ss_guidelinesbcr.html">http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/hsa/government/ss_guidelinesbcr.html</a><br><a href="http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/hsa/government/ss_guidelinesecr.html">http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/hsa/government/ss_guidelinesecr.html</a> |
| <b>Maryland: Grades K – 8 Historical Investigations</b>  | <a href="http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/social_studies/instruction.html">http://mdk12.org/instruction/curriculum/social_studies/instruction.html</a>  |

| Test Item Banks   |  |
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| Web Site  | URL  |
| <b>MCAS (Mass. Comprehensive Assessment System)</b><br>Released items from state test in 2002 | Grade 5 released test items <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release_na/g5hss.pdf">http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release_na/g5hss.pdf</a><br>Grade 8 released test items <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release_na/g8hss.pdf">http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release_na/g8hss.pdf</a><br>Grade 5 released test items <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release/g5hss.pdf">http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release/g5hss.pdf</a><br>Grade 8 released test items <a href="http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release/g8hss.pdf">http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/2002/release/g8hss.pdf</a> |
| <b>Maine Assessment Portfolio</b><br>Test bank (sample portfolio tasks)                       | <a href="http://www.maptasks.org/dynamic.php?cat_id=5&amp;majorcat=tb&amp;parentid=0">http://www.maptasks.org/dynamic.php?cat_id=5&amp;majorcat=tb&amp;parentid=0</a>  |
| <b>UK National Curriculum</b>   | <a href="http://www.nc.uk.net/index.html">http://www.nc.uk.net/index.html</a>  |

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| <b>Illinois Alternative Assessments in Geography</b>  | <a href="http://www.coe.ilstu.edu/iga/interact/assess/assintro.htm">http://www.coe.ilstu.edu/iga/interact/assess/assintro.htm</a>  |
| <b>MAP (Missouri Assessment Program)</b><br>Assessment modules including multiple choice and constructed response for particular topics | <a href="http://www.coe.missouri.edu/~map/mapcd/items/social/index.htm">http://www.coe.missouri.edu/~map/mapcd/items/social/index.htm</a>  |
| <b>NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)</b><br>Sample assessment items by subject area                                    | <a href="http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/">http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/</a>  |
| <b>Texas Education Agency Released Tests and Scoring Guides</b>   | <a href="http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/release/index.html">http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/release/index.html</a>  |
| <b>AP (requires free registration)</b><br>Released free response questions from past exams  | <a href="http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/">http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/</a> (click on <i>The Exams</i> on left navigation bar, then <i>Exam Questions</i> )  |
| <b>Virginia Department of Education</b>   | <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Assessment/home.shtml">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Assessment/home.shtml</a> (click on <i>Released Tests</i> on the left navigation bar, then click on <i>History Items, All Levels</i> ) |
| <b>Michigan Department of Education</b>   | <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_31168_31355---,00.html">http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-22709_31168_31355---,00.html</a>  |
| <b>Georgia Department of Education</b>  | <a href="http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/curriculum/testing/crct_items.asp">http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/curriculum/testing/crct_items.asp</a>  |
| <b>California Department of Education</b>   | <a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp">http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/css05rtq.asp</a>  |
| <b>Louisiana Department of Education</b>  | <a href="http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/saa/1460.html">http://www.doe.state.la.us/lde/saa/1460.html</a>  |
| <b>New York Regents Exams</b>   | <a href="http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/hsregents.html">http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/hsregents.html</a>  |
| <b>New York State Department of Education: Social Studies Assessments Grades 5 and 8</b>  | <a href="http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/elintsocst.html">http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/elintsocst.html</a>  |
| <b>Maryland Sample HS Govt Assessment</b>   | <a href="http://mdk12.org/mspp/high_school/look_like/government/intro.html">http://mdk12.org/mspp/high_school/look_like/government/intro.html</a>  |
| <b>Texas Education Agency Social Studies Benchmark Assessments</b>  | <a href="http://www.escweb.net/tx_bm/social/">http://www.escweb.net/tx_bm/social/</a>  |

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